



A [maintenance plan](#) is in place which spells out the day to day maintenance requirements. The plan includes instructions on maintaining lanes, pinsetters and scoring equipment. A good maintenance plan:

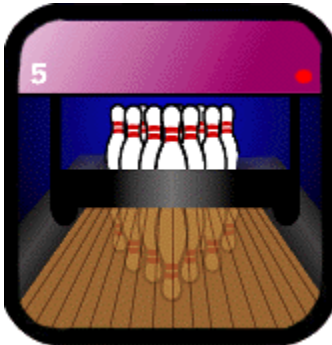
- Protects the Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation investment
- Provides an equitable playing environment for every bowler regardless of their expertise
- Upholds the integrity of the game

LANES



To maintain the best possible playing surfaces the lanes are conditioned in accordance with a "three unit rule," once in the morning and again in the late afternoon before the evening league play begins. They are dusted at least three to five times a day. The [lanes](#) are refurbished when needed, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

PINSETTERS



[Pinsetters](#) are cleaned and checked daily. A maintenance schedule set by the manufacturer is used. Pinsetters are equipped with a self-diagnostic mechanism that makes the mechanic's job easier and enables repairs to be made faster. Pins are checked daily for any nicks or scratches that may indicate maintenance needed for pinsetters.

PINS



[Bowling pins](#) are in accordance with American Bowling Congress (ABC)/Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) guidelines. Pins are purchased from Air Force Non-appropriated Fund Purchasing Office and are part of the Essential Products Program.

Pins are replaced each year with a full set for each pinsetter being kept as backup.

BALL RETURNS



[Ball returns](#) are state of the art with automatic hand dryers. They are cleaned and checked daily and are on a maintenance schedule set by the manufacturer. Returns are equipped for cleaning balls and belts and to prevent the belts from glazing and causing slowdown of returning balls. The belts are thoroughly cleaned daily as part of the

maintenance plan.

BALLS



Most open bowlers use [house balls](#).

House balls are cleaned and inspected for nicks, scratches, and breaks at least once a week to include thumb and finger holes. Damaged balls are repaired or replaced. Damaged holes are plugged and redrilled.

House balls glow in the dark and are color coded to make it easy for the customer to find the correct size and weight.

SCORING EQUIPMENT



[Automated scoring equipment](#) is checked and cleaned as needed and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. As a general guidance automatic scoring equipment is covered in the center's maintenance plan.

MECHANIC



A full-time Head Mechanic and two part-time mechanics are on staff to ensure the center is kept fully functional during operational hours. They are highly trained and attend equipment-specific training on a regular basis as it is offered by the manufacturer of the center's equipment.

Their duties include but are not limited to:

- Maintaining preventative maintenance schedules for all equipment
- Repairing and maintaining mechanical equipment to keep operation functional

- Housekeeping of the pit area
- Keeping inventories of parts, costs, and machine performance
- Cleaning, repairing, and adjusting automatic scorers

The Head Mechanic is specifically responsible for:

- The training and development of maintenance staff
- Preparing orders for parts and supplies for manager's approval
- Assisting in planning service maintenance budgets
- Assisting in preparing annual forecasting for major improvements

GUTTERS



Gutters are dusted twice a day and at least three times per month they are wiped down with lane cleaner.

Gutters are equipped with [retractable bumper rails](#), which are used during beginner lessons and for children's parties when necessary.